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GA PLENARY--31ST SESSION

THE GA, OPENING ITS 31ST REGULAR SESSION SEPT. 21, ELECTED AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) AS ITS PRESIDENT, AND BY ACCLAMATION ADMITTED SEYCHELLES AS THE 145TH MEMBER OF THE UN. THE PROPOSAL OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT, LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER THORN, THAT THE FOLLOWING SERVE ON THE CREDENTIALS COMITE WAS APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION: CHINA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, IVORY COAST, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS, SOVIET UNION, US AND ZAMBIA. THORN DREW ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S LETTER STATING TWO MEMBERS WERE IN ARREARS IN PAYMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE TERMS OF CHARTER ART. 19 AND "AN UNDERSTANDING WHICH RESOLVES THIS MATTER IN COMPLIANCE WITH ART. 19 HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF THOSE STATES" AND THE GA WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. (NAMES OF CONGO AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WERE NOT CALLED DURING SECRET BALLOTING FOR PRESIDENT.) STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THORN AND AMERASINGHE, AS WELL AS BY THE PRESIDENT OF SEYCHELLES AND DELEGATIONS WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER.

STATEMENTS OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO WERE MADE BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT AND THE NEW PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, AND BY SPEAKERS DURING THE COURSE OF WELCOMING THE SEYCHELLES. HUANG HUA (CHINA), AFTER STATING HE WOULD CONVEY THE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO HIS GOVERNMENT, PAID TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN MAO AND STATED THE ENTIRE CHINESE PEOPLE WERE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT FIRMLY HIS REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND POLICIES.

AT THE OUTSET, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT THORN EXPRESSED THE HOPE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DISARMAMENT WOULD BE QUICKENED, AND SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GA COULD NOT AVOID ITS OBLIGATION TO APPEAL TO THE OPPOSING PARTIES IN LEBANON TO RENOUNCE VIOLENCE AND NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY WITHOUT DELAY AND WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS. THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE COULD NO LONGER BE DENIED WHAT HAD BEEN RIGHTLY GRANTED TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: RIGHT TO AN EXISTENCE AND TO A FATHERLAND. REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID "THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS ARE WITNESSING THE COLLAPSE OF THE BASTIONS OF THEIR OPPRESSIVE REGIMES",

AND HE URGED THOSE IN POWER "TO SEIZE THE LAST CHANCE OF DIALOGUE" AND TO INTRODUCE THE CHANGES DEMANDED BY THE UN AND BY THE MAJORITY IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THE HIJACKING OF AIRCRAFT AND TAKING OF HOSTAGES WERE NOT ONLY ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PERSONS BUT WERE ALSO SERIOUSLY UNDERMINING THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES, AND THE GA SHOULD TAKE URGENT AND ENERGETIC MEASURES. RATHER THAN TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM AS A WHOLE, THORN THOUGHT THE GA SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE INNOCENT VICTIMS "BY INITIATING DECISIVE ACTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES". IN DISCUSSING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, HE STATED THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH MUST BENEFIT ALL CITIZENS; THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES COULD NO LONGER BE DELAYED; AND SOCIAL RESTRUCTURING, IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRARIAN PROGRAMS AND THE EXECUTION OF URBAN REFORMS WERE INEVITABLE. ECONOMICALLY THE WORLD SITUATION WAS OF CONCERN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING. AT THIS SESSION, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES TO FACILITATE THE CONCRETIZATION OF PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED. ALONG WITH THIS NECESSARY TRANSFORMATION OF ECONOMIC WORLD RELATIONS, AUTONOMOUS STRUCTURES AND NEW INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED WHICH COULD GUARANTEE BALANCED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THORN STATED.

PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE, FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED, PROGRESS IN SOLVING POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS "HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF EVEN MODEST REALIZATION". HE OBSERVED THAT THE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN RESULTED IN "RADICAL CHANGE" IN THE VOTING PATTERN WHICH EVOKED "CAUSTIC CRITICISM", AND ADDED THAT WHEN THE BEHAVIOR OF THE SO-CALLED NEW MAJORITY WAS ASCRIBED TO IRRATIONAL ANTAGONISM OR PARTISANSHIP AND A REPUDIATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE CHARGE SHOULD NOT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNANSWERED. "THE NATIONS THAT HAVE CHOSEN THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ARE TOO PRONE TO CLAIM THAT THE SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY ENDOWS THEM EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE VIRTUES OF INFALLIBILITY OF JUDGMENT AND IMPECCABILITY OF CONDUCT", HE SAID. MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED BY THEIR VOTING ON PARTICULAR ISSUES, BUT BY THE SUM OF THEIR ACTIONS AND POLICIES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE AIMS OF THE CHARTER. LAST YEAR 123 NATIONS ASKED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ADMIT TWO VIETNAMS TO THE UN; THIS YEAR A UNIFIED VIETNAM SOUGHT ADMISSION, AFTER 30 YEARS OF BITTER CONFLICT.

AMERASINGHE CITED THE "SCOURGE OF APARTHEID" THAT BROUGHT THE WORLD "TO THE BRINK OF DISASTER" WHICH COULD ONLY BE AVERTED BY HONEST AND UNITED UN ACTION. HE STATED "A NEW AND POSITIVE APPROACH" TO DISARMAMENT WAS NEEDED

AND THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE GA TO TAKE UP THE MATTER
OF A SPECIAL SESSION OR WORLD CONFERENCE.

REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, HE SAID THE RIGHT OF EVERY STATE
TO LIVE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES COULD NOT
BE CONSTRUED AS CONFERRING ON ISREAL AND THE SPECIAL
PREROGATIVE OF DETERMINING, IN ITS OWN DISCRETION, WHERE
THOSE BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. HE REVIEWED UN
PROGRESS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND CALLED THE DECLARATION
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER THE
TURNING POINT. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE
HAD AN OBLIGATION TO ACT WITH "EXTREME CAUTION AND PATIENCE
AND WITH A PROPER APPRECIATION OF THE UNTHINKABLE RISKS
AND CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE". AMERASINGHE CONCLUDED BY
NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG NATIONS
AND THE ROLE OF THE UN IN PROVIDING A FORUM FOR ESTABLISHING
A BOND OF UNITY AMONG NATIONS.

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-- ADMISSION OF SEYCHELLES --

AFTER APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION OF THE ADMISSION OF SEYCHELLES TO THE UN, PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) WELCOMED THAT DELEGATION AND CONGRATULATED THE UK ON "THIS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF ITS ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION." WELCOMING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY: MALAWI ON BEHALF AFRICAN GROUP, BHUTAN FOR ASIAN STATES , ROMANIA FOR EASTERN EUROPEANS, EL SALVADOR FOR LATIN AMERICANS, ICELAND FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES, YEMEN FOR ARAB GROUP INCLUDING THE PLO, AMB SCRANTON ON BEHALF OF HOST COUNTRY, BANGLADESH , AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF OAU. MURRAY (UK) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE OF YET ANOTHER BRITISH NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY AND SUGGESTED THE UN WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE "FRESH AND VIGOROUS IDEAS OF THIS NEW NATION STATE."

SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT MANCHAM THANKED MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ON SEYCHELLES' ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND ADMISSION AS 145TH UN MEMBER, AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH WHO GUIDED SEYCHELLES "WITH AN ATTITUDE OF FRIENDLY ENLIGHTENMENT OVER THE YEARS." HE NOTED ONE CONDITION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP WAS A "COMMITMENT TO THE LOVE OF PEACE." SEYCHELLES WAS AN ARCHIPELAGO OF 92 ISLANDS WITH A "DEFENSELESS SHORE" AND ITS "ONLY WEAPON" WAS ITS "ETERNAL SMILE." AS A MULTIRACIAL STATE, SEYCHELLES REPRESENTED "AN OASIS" IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE COMING, IF NOT STOPPED, "AN IMMENSE DESSERT OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS DIRECTED TOWARD CONTINUED MISGIVINGS, DISSENSIONS

AND HATRED." SEYCHELLES' CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE COULD BE ITS
EXAMPLE THAT DIFFERENT RACES COULD INDEED LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER IN
THE UNIFYING SPIRIT OF LOVE FOR OTHERS. THEY HAD NO HOSTILE NEIGHBOR
AND EVEN THE COLONIALISM THEY HAD KNOWN HAD BEEN "TOTALLY NONREPRESSI
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AND VERY BENEVOLENT." FOR TOO LONG HUMAN BEINGS HAD BELIEVED THAT A
STATE OF SANITY AND PEACE COULD BE PRODUCED BY ARMS STRUGGLE AND
VIOLENCE. MANCHAM HOPED THE SYCHELLES COULD "SOMEHOW INFLUENCE THIS
SADLY DIVIDED WORLD" TOWARD FINDING SOLUTIONS TO ITS MANY PROBLEMS.
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WITHDRAWAL OF KOREAN ITEMS --

BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER OFFICES ISSUED PRESS
RELEASES FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE KOREAN ITEMS. THE NORTH
KOREAN RELEASE STATED THAT THE INITIATIVE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE
COSPONSORS TO WITHDRAW THEIR ITEM, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE HOPE
OF MANY MEMBER STATES THAT THE GA "MAY NOT DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF KO
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OF THE GA RESOLUTION LAST YEAR AND FOR EASING TENSIONS AND CONSOLIDAT
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PEACE IN KOREA." THE NORTH KOREANS CALLED THIS A "CONSTRUCTIVE INITIA
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TIVE WHICH URGES THE U.S. TO RESPOND TO PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF O
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SIDE'S RESOLUTION" OF LAST YEAR. THEY REGARDED THIS AS A HIGHLY
REASONABLE AND JUST STEP TAKEN OUT OF SINCERE DISIRE FOR PRACTICAL
SOLUTION. IF THE U.S. TRULY WANTS PEACE AND REUNIFICATION IT SHOULD
IMPLEMENT THAT RESOLUTION, THE DPRK RELEASE STATED.

THE ROK RELEASE, WHICH NOTED ROK REPEATEDL URGED NORTH KOREA TO
RETURN TO THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, STATED THATSINCE NORTH KOREA
RETRACTED HER DEMAND FOR ANOTHER CONFRONTATION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION
AND THE REQUEST FOR INSCRIPTION OF THE KOREAN ITEM WITHDRAWN, ROK HAS
NO INTENTION TO PRESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM. (USUN 3868)

NAMIBIA --

SOUTH WEST AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (SWANU) ISSUED PRESS
RELEASE WHICH REAFFIRMED THAT SWANU IN PRINCIPLE IS NOT AGAINST
A NEGOTIATED PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA, STATED THE TURNHALLE
CONFERENCE WAS CREATED TO COMBAT THE MOVEMENT TOWARD NATIONAL UNITY,
AND ASKED ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE UN WHICH HAS ASSUMED A POSITION
THAT AT BEST FRAGMENTIZES AND DIVIDES THE NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENT OF NAMIBIA. SWANU CONCLUDED THAT A JUST AND DEMOCRATIC
SOLUTION TO THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA WOULD ONLY BE FOUND
THROUGH A CONVOCATION OF A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE ATTENDED

BY THE NATIONAL MOVEMENTS, THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE AND
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES FOR THE
TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, I.E., THE HOLDING OF
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THEIR CHAIRMEN, FOLLOWED BY PLENARY FOR ELECTION OF 17
VICE PRESIDENTS.

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